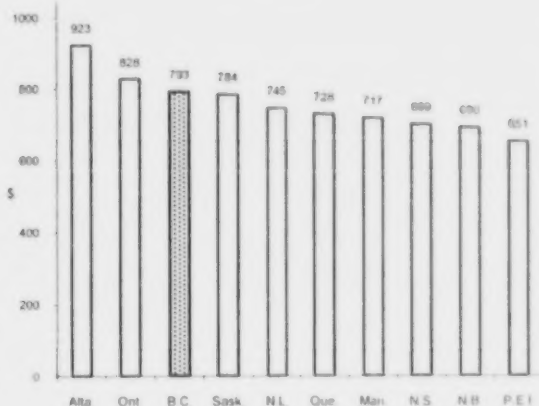


## Earnings & Employment Trends ♦ July 2009

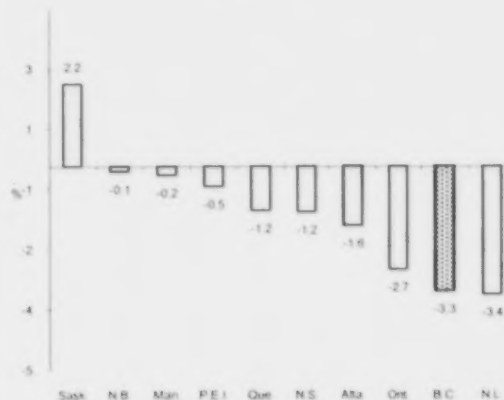
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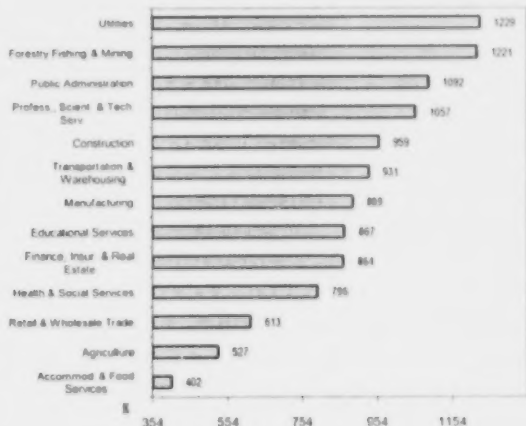


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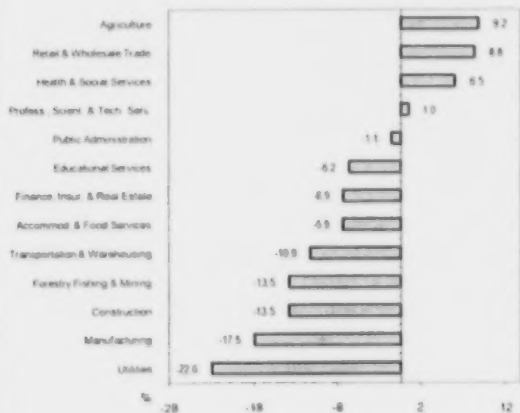


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\* Latest 12 month average

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\* Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

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**Feature Article: Labour Market Reacts to Slowing Economy**

## Labour Market Reacts to Slowing Economy

### Unemployment Rate Rises as Economic Conditions Change

British Columbia's economy shrank slightly in 2008, marking the first annual decline in the province's gross domestic product (GDP) since 1982.<sup>1</sup>

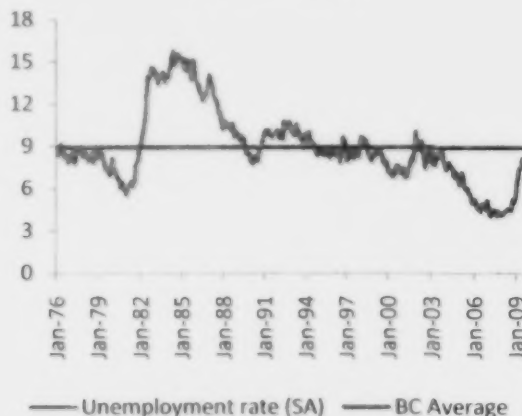
Economy Shrinks Slightly in 2008



Source: Statistics Canada

economy, and the unemployment rate began edging upward. As of June 2009, B.C.'s unemployment rate was 8.1 percent. Even though B.C.'s unemployment rate has practically doubled over the past several months, by historical standards, the unemployment rate is modest and is still below the national average of 8.6 percent.

B.C.'s Unemployment Rate Rises, but is Still Below Long-Run Average



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Before B.C.'s economy began contracting in the latter part of 2008, B.C.'s unemployment rate was remarkably low, hovering between 4.0 and 4.5 percent during all of 2007 and early 2008.<sup>2</sup>

However, in September 2008, B.C.'s labour market began feeling the effects of the slowing

### Job Losses Affect Both Goods and Services Sectors

Between August 2008 and June 2009, employment in British Columbia decreased by 68,000, with the majority of job losses concentrated in the goods-producing sector.

In the goods-producing sector, construction and manufacturing experienced the largest employment declines. Although accounting for a smaller number of job losses, employment in

<sup>1</sup> Figures are based on chained 2002 dollars. Data for 2008 is preliminary and will be revised in the fall when more information is available.

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all data presented in this article are seasonally adjusted.

utilities (-14%) and forestry fishing, mining, oil and gas (-11%) has also declined rapidly.

#### Employment Declines in Most B.C. Industries

Industry	Aug 08- June 09
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>-58,000</b>
Agriculture	2,700
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas	-4,500
Utilities	-2,200
Construction	-29,700
Manufacturing	-24,200
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>-10,000</b>
Trade	8,700
Transportation & warehousing	-21,200
Finance, insurance, real estate & leasing	-7,800
Professional, scientific & technical services	-1,400
Business, building & other support services	-7,300
Educational services	0
Health care & social assistance	14,700
Information, culture & recreation	7,600
Accommodation & food services	-3,400
Other services	-2,400
Public administration	2,400

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Although the majority of job losses over the past ten months have been concentrated in the goods sector, the services sector in B.C. has also experienced a decline in employment. Within the services-producing sector, transportation and warehousing has been hardest hit, but finance, real estate and leasing and business, building and other support services also had significant job losses.

Despite the economic slowdown, some service industries are still growing. For example, health care and social assistance and information, culture and recreation have both grown by 6% since August 2008. Gains in the trade industry (2%) have also helped offset losses in other industries.

#### Comparison: Alberta's Service Sector Still Thriving Despite Global Conditions

Alberta's labour market is also being affected by the slowing global economy; the unemployment rate in Alberta has risen from 3.5 percent in August 2008 to 6.8 percent in June 2009.

Like B.C., Alberta has incurred substantial job losses in construction and manufacturing over the past 10 months. However, unlike B.C., Alberta's service sector is still growing. With the exception of trade (-7%) and professional, scientific and technical services (-10%), every other service industry in Alberta has grown since August 2008. The ability of Alberta's service sector to absorb job losses in other industries may be a product of that sector's resiliency, or simply an easing of the incredibly tight labour market conditions Alberta faced at the time the global economy started slowing.

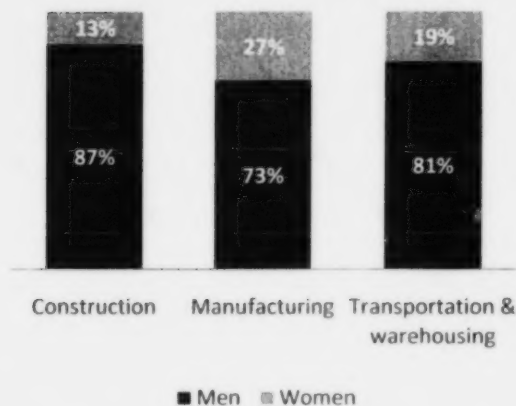
#### Service Sector Employment Grows in Alberta

Industry	Aug 08- June 09
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	<b>-58,700</b>
Agriculture	-6,500
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil & gas	-4,000
Utilities	2,400
Construction	-22,300
Manufacturing	-28,100
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	<b>41,200</b>
Trade	-23,600
Transportation & warehousing	8,300
Finance, insurance, real estate & leasing	7,000
Professional, scientific & technical services	-16,200
Business, building & other support services	6,500
Educational services	10,500
Health care & social assistance	8,000
Information, culture & recreation	9,900
Accommodation & food services	14,900
Other services	5,600
Public administration	10,400

## As Majority of Job Losses Absorbed by Men, Young Men Crowded out of Labour Market

Of the 68,000 jobs lost between August 2008 and June 2009, 96 percent were lost by men. This is primarily because men are overrepresented in the industries that have been facing the greatest challenges. At the time just before B.C.'s unemployment rate began climbing, approximately 4 out of every 5 jobs in B.C.'s construction, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing industries were held by men.<sup>3</sup>

In August 2008, Men Held almost all of B.C.'s Construction Jobs



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Declines in employment have affected young men (aged 15-24) disproportionately more than men aged 25+. While employment among men aged 25+ declined by 4 percent between August 2008 and June 2009, employment among young men declined by 13 percent.

Employment and Labour Force Participation Rates among Young Men (15-24) Have Fallen



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

In response to deteriorating employment opportunities, young men are exiting the labour market. This crowding out is referred to as the *discouraged worker* effect. The participation rate of male youth has fallen by 4.2 percentage points, from 69.2 in August 2008, to 65.0 in June 2009.

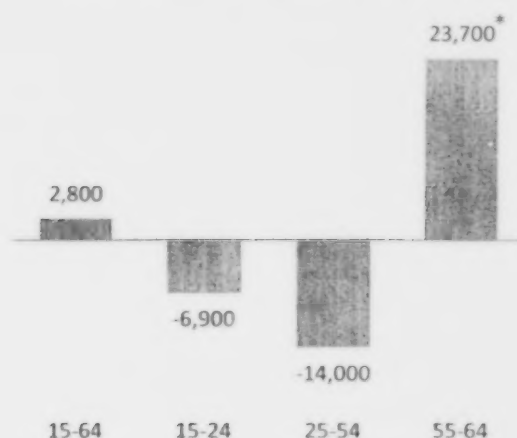
## Older Women (Age 55-64) More Attached to Labour Force

Overall, employment among women has declined slightly (-2,400 jobs). However, taking a closer look at employment by age group reveals that the losses among women aged 15-25 (-6,900) and women aged 25-54 (-14,000) are more substantial. Together, these figures suggest that employment has actually been *increasing* among older women.

<sup>3</sup> Industry data for August 2008 is unadjusted.

## Employment has Increased among Older Women

■ Change in Employment (Aug-08 to Jun-09)



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey (\*55-64 is derived)

Although Statistics Canada does not provide seasonally adjusted data for the 55-64 and 65+ age groups, data from other age groups suggests that for women aged 55-64, employment actually increased by approximately 23,700 jobs between August 2008 and June 2009.<sup>4</sup>

All of these employment gains were attributable to an increase in the size of the labour force: the female labour force age 55-64 also grew by 23,700 during this period. Only part of this labour force growth can be explained by population growth (as the baby boom cohort ages); the remainder of the growth is due to increased labour force participation.

There are a couple of reasons why the slowing economy might be causing increased labour force participation among older women. First, women may be entering the labour force or delaying retirement when their partners

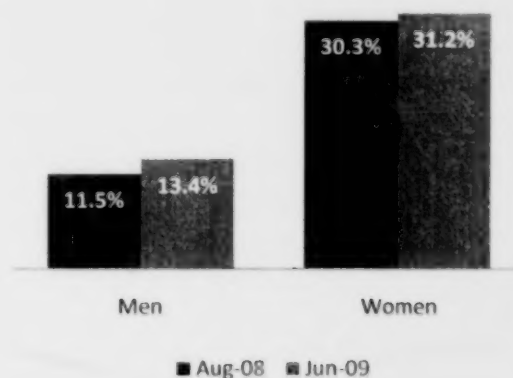
become unemployed. Second, the recent declines and overall volatility of stock market prices may also be impacting older women's labour force participation decisions.

## Involuntary Part Time Work Rises

Although total employment has fallen in recent months, part-time employment has been rising.<sup>5</sup> Sometimes it can be more beneficial for employers to cut hours instead of laying off workers, because then if business conditions improve, they do not have to incur the expense of hiring and training new employees. Furthermore, employers may be reluctant to offer full-time positions in times of economic uncertainty.

Since August 2008, the incidence of part-time employment has risen among both men and women in B.C., although the rise has been slightly more pronounced for men.

## Proportion of Part-time Employment Rises among Men and Women



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

<sup>4</sup> Figures are derived using seasonally adjusted data for age groups 15-64, 15-24, and 25-54.

<sup>5</sup> Part-time employment is defined as persons usually working less than 30 hours per week at their main or only job.

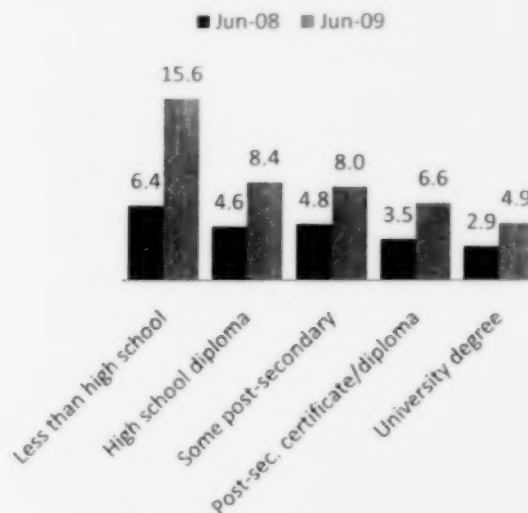
When workers who want to work full-time can only get part-time work, this is referred to as *underemployment*. The Labour Force Survey asks part-time workers to provide the reason they are working part-time, whether it be voluntary (e.g. due to personal preference, family responsibilities, attending school, etc.) or involuntary (i.e. due to business conditions or could not find full-time work). In June 2008, 20 percent of all part-time employment in B.C. was involuntary, but by June 2009, this figure had jumped to 31 percent.<sup>6</sup>

### Higher Educational Attainment does not Fully Protect against Rising Unemployment

The slowing economy has negatively impacted labour market outcomes for all British Columbians, regardless of educational attainment. Comparing data from June 2009 to June 2008 reveals that employment rates have declined and unemployment rates have risen in every educational group.<sup>7</sup>

Although all educational groups have been affected by the slowing economy, some groups have been affected more than others. Not surprisingly, the unemployment rate has risen the most for those with less than a high school education. Even if youth (aged 15-24) are excluded from the analysis, the results are similar.

A High School Diploma Helps Protect Against Rising Unemployment Rate (Age 15+)



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Even though British Columbians from all educational levels are facing more difficult labour market conditions, overall employment has risen among those with some post-secondary education (but no credential), and among university graduates. However, because employment growth within these groups has failed to keep pace with population growth, these groups are still facing falling employment rates and rising unemployment rates.

### Aboriginal Population Struggles with Declining Employment

The employment rate among B.C.'s off-reserve Aboriginal population dropped significantly between the second quarter of 2008 and the second quarter of 2009 (from 63 percent to 56 percent).<sup>8</sup> However, this may be partly

<sup>6</sup> Comparison is made to the same time period in prior year because data are not seasonally adjusted.

<sup>7</sup> See note 5.

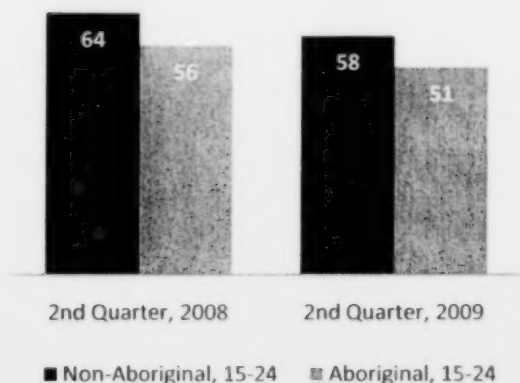
<sup>8</sup> Comparison is made (using 3 month-moving average data) to the same time period in prior year because data are not seasonally adjusted.



attributed to the fact that B.C.'s Aboriginal population is younger, on average, than B.C.'s non-Aboriginal population. For example, in 2008, 24 percent of the Aboriginal population in B.C. was between the ages of 15 and 24, compared to just 16 percent of the non-Aboriginal population.

Before the economic slowdown began, there was an employment rate gap between B.C.'s Aboriginal youth (15-24) and non-Aboriginal youth. Although the economic slowdown has adversely affected both groups, the employment rate gap between Aboriginal youth and non-Aboriginal youth has not widened.

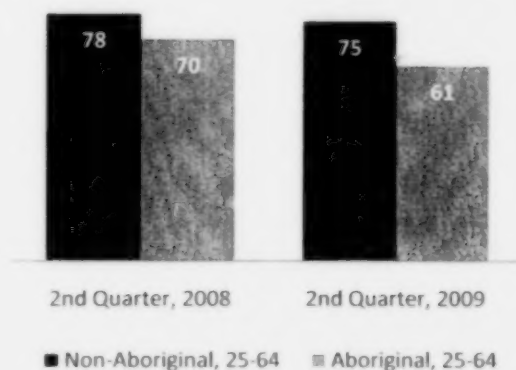
The Employment Rate Gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Youth has Remained Stable



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

Among the adult working age population (25-64), the economic slowdown has caused the employment rate gap between B.C.'s Aboriginal population and non-Aboriginal population to increase.

The Employment Rate Gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Adults (25-64) has Increased



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

One factor that may help explain the widening of this employment gap is differences in educational attainment. For example, in 2008, only 8 percent of the Aboriginal population aged 25-64 had a university degree, compared with 27 percent of the non-Aboriginal population. However, small sample sizes make it difficult to control for educational attainment or measure the size of its possible impact.

### Education Helps Protect Immigrants from Economic Downturn

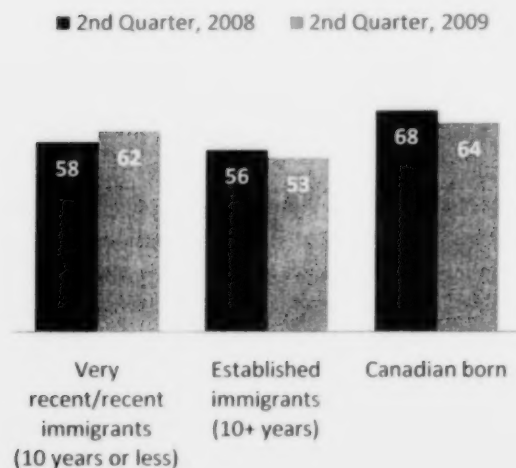
Following the overall trend, B.C.'s immigrant population experienced an increase in their overall unemployment rate between the second quarter of 2008 and the second quarter of 2009 (from 4.8 percent to 8.0 percent).<sup>9</sup> However, unlike other demographic groups, some B.C. immigrants have actually experienced an increase in their employment rate in the past year.

Despite the influx of additional immigrants, substantial employment increases caused the

<sup>9</sup> See note 7.

employment rate of very recent and recent immigrants (less than 10 years) to increase from 58 percent in the second quarter of 2008 to 62 percent in the second quarter of 2009. Established immigrants (10 years or more), however, found their employment rate dropping along with their Canadian-born counterparts.

Employment Rate Rises among B.C.'s Very Recent and Recent Immigrants



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

The most likely reason that B.C.'s very recent and recent immigrants have fared so well is because they are, in general, highly educated. For example, in 2008, 51 percent of the very recent/recent immigrants aged 25-54 in B.C. had a university degree, compared with just 21 percent of their Canadian-born counterparts. Furthermore, within this age group, 20 percent of very recent/recent immigrants had a university degree above the baccalaureate level. Although the established immigrant population also has higher education levels than the Canadian born population, the differences are not as pronounced.



## SUMMARY TRENDS

		Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
					Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.	B.C.	Canada	U.S.A.
		% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1999	1.1	1.8	2.2			3.3			1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2	
2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0	
2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7	
2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8	
2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0	
2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5	
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1	
2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6	
2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6	
2008	2.1	2.3	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.0	2.3	1.9	-0.8	2.1	1.5	-0.5	4.6	6.1	5.8	
2008	Jan	0.8	2.2	4.3	3.8	5.1	3.5	3.0	2.9	-0.8	2.7	2.1	0.2	4.1	5.8	4.9
	Feb	1.1	1.8	4.0	3.1	5.0	3.8	2.0	3.1	-0.2	2.4	2.2	0.1	4.2	5.9	4.8
	Mar	1.2	1.4	4.0	2.4	4.4	4.5	1.2	3.0	0.5	2.5	1.9	-0.2	4.4	6.1	5.1
	Apr	1.7	1.7	3.9	3.3	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	-1.5	3.5	2.0	0.4	4.4	6.0	5.0
	May	2.1	2.2	4.2	4.9	4.5	3.4	2.7	2.2	-0.8	2.5	2.0	0.0	4.5	6.1	5.5
	Jun	3.0	3.1	5.0	5.8	4.3	4.2	2.7	1.1	-0.8	2.6	1.7	-0.2	4.5	6.2	5.6
	Jul	3.3	3.4	5.6	5.9	3.6	1.8	2.5	0.2	-3.6	2.8	1.3	-0.3	4.5	6.1	5.8
	Aug	3.3	3.5	5.4	2.8	3.5	3.6	-0.5	0.0	-1.7	2.4	1.3	-0.3	4.4	6.2	6.2
	Sep	3.3	3.4	4.9	4.7	4.0	1.6	1.4	0.6	-3.2	1.9	1.5	-0.8	4.7	6.2	6.2
	Oct	2.5	2.6	3.7	6.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	1.3	-0.5	1.3	1.3	-0.8	5.2	6.3	6.6
	Nov	2.0	2.0	1.1	4.8	4.4	4.0	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.4	0.6	-1.7	5.0	6.4	6.8
	Dec	1.2	1.2	0.1	5.4	3.9	0.9	4.2	2.7	0.8	0.2	0.5	-2.0	5.3	6.6	7.2
2009	Jan	1.4	1.1	0.0	3.6	4.4	2.6	2.2	3.3	2.5	-1.7	-0.5	-2.9	6.1	7.2	7.6
	Feb	1.5	1.4	0.2	4.1	3.6	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.1	-1.9	-1.2	-3.0	6.7	7.7	8.1
	Mar	1.1	1.2	-0.4	3.8	3.7	1.2	2.7	2.4	1.6	-3.3	-1.5	-3.5	7.4	8.0	8.5
	Apr	0.3	0.4	-0.7	3.9	3.5	0.7	3.6	3.1	1.5	-2.7	-1.5	-3.6	7.4	8.0	8.9
	May	0.1	0.1	-1.3	1.6	2.3	1.1	1.5	2.2	2.4	-2.6	-1.7	-3.7	7.6	8.4	9.4
	Jun	-0.7	-0.3	-1.4	1.3	2.5	-0.7	2.0	2.7	0.8	-2.8	-1.8	-3.8	8.1	8.6	9.5
	Jul	-	-	-	0.2	2.6	-	-	-	-	-3.2	-1.8	-	7.8	8.6	-
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Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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**2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE**

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2008	783.09	4.2	780.85	4.4	904.54	5.2	762.72	7.6	704.41	4.5	816.41	3.8	711.06	3.5	672.28	5.2	674.58	3.2	631.70	6.0	734.98	8.9
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
Mar	767.70	4.4	761.02	2.4	892.65	6.3	743.18	9.2	699.03	6.6	800.63	4.4	693.83	3.4	661.33	4.3	661.17	2.5	619.79	4.9	715.13	11.6
Apr	773.54	4.4	772.40	3.3	891.80	5.9	743.02	8.6	690.21	4.4	809.48	4.8	696.84	2.5	671.20	5.2	668.41	2.5	632.14	5.9	727.35	9.6
May	777.54	4.5	777.77	4.9	885.20	5.1	747.69	8.2	701.58	5.2	814.15	4.7	706.09	3.0	668.41	4.3	662.28	1.2	635.63	5.9	725.43	9.1
Jun	781.94	4.3	782.92	5.8	885.91	4.2	754.44	9.2	705.35	4.6	818.23	3.8	714.44	3.4	668.34	3.4	667.24	2.1	643.63	7.3	731.54	10.4
Jul	781.55	3.6	788.11	5.9	894.67	3.5	767.86	9.4	708.14	4.3	812.55	2.6	715.16	2.9	669.42	5.0	664.10	2.9	637.77	11.3	723.76	9.1
Aug	788.85	3.5	777.68	2.8	908.93	4.2	774.75	7.7	718.46	4.7	821.78	2.6	722.88	4.0	670.63	5.4	680.53	3.7	631.92	9.1	743.24	10.0
Sep	796.96	4.0	790.43	4.7	924.19	5.0	786.31	7.1	712.14	4.0	832.53	3.4	720.49	3.2	684.38	6.8	692.18	4.4	625.16	5.7	763.33	9.4
Oct	793.76	3.9	795.65	6.2	926.74	6.4	778.36	6.1	711.41	3.7	824.66	2.6	718.72	3.0	676.86	4.0	683.05	3.7	636.89	6.0	754.29	6.9
Nov	797.73	4.4	789.82	4.8	937.02	5.2	787.22	7.1	708.75	2.7	828.13	3.8	724.83	4.2	688.98	6.9	694.81	4.3	642.35	5.8	747.64	4.5
Dec	796.28	3.9	796.71	5.4	933.93	4.6	779.86	5.4	705.76	3.3	822.96	2.7	725.32	4.4	689.18	6.6	699.41	4.6	650.98	4.7	753.40	5.0
2009 Jan	804.02	4.4	799.72	3.6	939.06	5.7	788.58	5.4	723.26	4.9	832.09	3.4	733.30	5.5	686.16	4.1	696.59	6.3	672.15	10.1	757.62	7.4
Feb	797.78	3.6	798.07	4.1	917.46	3.7	776.01	5.0	713.65	1.7	827.68	2.7	727.27	4.4	692.64	5.2	713.02	7.2	670.43	10.0	745.46	2.7
Mar	796.01	3.7	790.02	3.8	906.19	1.5	781.63	5.2	724.85	3.7	824.15	2.9	735.35	6.0	690.89	4.5	708.08	7.1	670.25	8.1	725.28	1.4
Apr	800.33	3.5	802.16	3.9	914.91	2.6	785.71	5.7	720.03	4.3	832.25	2.8	729.12	4.6	689.85	2.8	709.33	6.1	674.66	6.7	749.88	3.1
May	795.49	2.3	790.22	1.6	916.06	3.5	780.88	4.4	727.67	3.7	826.97	1.6	726.22	2.9	696.13	4.1	701.02	5.8	661.96	4.1	731.04	0.8
Jun	801.21	2.5	793.27	1.3	929.55	4.9	786.05	4.2	724.10	2.7	831.30	1.6	734.60	2.8	707.35	5.8	705.67	5.8	643.22	-0.1	743.76	1.7
Jul	801.51	2.6	789.41	0.2	926.41	3.5	797.82	3.9	718.60	1.5	830.52	2.2	740.44	3.5	707.60	5.7	709.61	6.9	637.48	0.0	728.22	0.6
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Jan-Jul08	774.65		774.35		889.04		749.11		699.34		809.43		702.62		665.17		663.38		626.99		722.10	
Jan-Jul09	799.48		794.70		921.38		785.24		721.74		829.28		732.33		695.80		706.19		661.45		740.18	
% Change	3.2		2.6		3.6		4.8		3.2		2.5		4.2		4.6		6.5		5.5		2.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

## 2.2

## PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2008	21.32	4.5	21.46	4.7	23.68	5.7	20.34	7.1	19.24	4.5	22.15	4.1	20.03	3.5	17.79	5.1	18.12	3.4	16.96	6.2	18.85	8.0
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.8	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
Mar	21.08	4.7	21.15	3.6	23.45	6.9	19.99	7.6	19.21	5.7	21.87	4.5	19.81	3.6	17.78	4.5	18.00	4.2	17.10	4.8	18.67	8.8
Apr	21.14	4.3	21.32	3.7	23.39	5.6	19.99	7.4	19.15	4.9	22.03	4.9	19.70	2.2	18.05	5.6	18.02	2.6	17.15	4.6	18.86	8.2
May	21.16	4.8	21.41	5.2	23.23	5.7	20.01	7.8	19.09	4.1	22.08	5.0	19.83	3.2	17.70	4.2	17.72	2.0	16.97	6.9	18.49	6.8
Jun	21.15	4.4	21.40	5.5	23.27	5.6	20.00	7.8	19.22	4.5	22.08	4.1	19.86	3.3	17.49	2.9	17.66	1.6	16.68	6.4	18.33	8.5
Jul	21.00	4.0	21.26	5.0	23.24	4.7	20.07	7.8	19.03	4.4	21.83	3.5	19.84	3.2	17.48	5.1	17.54	2.3	16.53	10.1	18.07	7.8
Aug	21.13	3.8	21.07	3.4	23.51	5.3	20.27	7.4	19.23	4.6	21.99	2.8	19.93	3.8	17.37	4.8	17.90	3.5	16.49	9.4	18.37	8.6
Sep	21.66	4.6	21.66	5.3	24.17	5.5	20.73	6.4	19.53	4.8	22.53	4.2	20.37	3.8	17.88	6.2	18.48	3.0	16.76	7.8	19.29	9.4
Oct	21.64	4.3	21.83	6.5	24.22	6.2	20.88	6.3	19.43	4.2	22.40	3.2	20.38	3.8	17.88	4.6	18.47	3.4	17.20	8.2	19.32	6.4
Nov	21.82	4.6	21.89	6.0	24.48	5.0	21.10	7.4	19.43	3.1	22.59	4.1	20.54	4.2	18.28	6.8	18.76	4.1	17.48	6.1	19.46	5.9
Dec	21.82	4.3	22.04	6.1	24.49	4.1	21.08	6.2	19.41	4.1	22.44	3.1	20.66	5.0	18.42	7.0	18.82	4.0	17.96	6.7	19.64	5.4
2009 Jan	22.11	4.8	22.23	4.3	24.87	6.2	21.35	6.9	19.89	5.3	22.78	3.6	20.83	5.9	18.54	5.4	18.86	5.4	18.37	9.9	19.98	6.4
Feb	21.97	3.9	22.30	4.8	24.36	4.5	21.10	6.1	19.58	1.4	22.70	3.1	20.65	4.5	18.60	5.4	19.24	5.8	18.35	9.9	19.72	3.4
Mar	21.98	4.3	22.09	4.4	24.30	3.6	21.22	6.2	19.92	3.7	22.66	3.6	20.89	5.5	18.56	4.4	19.09	6.1	18.35	7.3	19.36	3.7
Apr	22.04	4.3	22.31	4.6	24.40	4.3	21.32	6.7	19.85	3.7	22.83	3.6	20.72	5.2	18.65	3.3	19.08	5.9	18.49	7.8	19.38	2.8
May	21.87	3.4	22.10	3.2	24.40	5.0	21.15	5.7	19.90	4.2	22.63	2.5	20.56	3.7	18.52	4.6	18.77	5.9	17.53	3.3	19.04	3.0
Jun	21.89	3.5	21.97	2.7	24.70	6.1	21.19	6.0	19.70	2.5	22.71	2.9	20.51	3.3	18.55	6.1	18.87	6.9	17.21	3.2	19.08	4.1
Jul	21.71	3.4	21.81	2.6	24.31	4.6	21.21	5.7	19.38	1.8	22.49	3.0	20.47	3.2	18.51	5.9	18.83	7.4	16.95	2.5	18.68	3.4
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Jan-Jul08	21.11		21.30		23.33		19.99		19.13		21.98		19.78		17.68		17.86		16.83		18.61	
Jan-Jul09	21.94		22.12		24.48		21.22		19.75		22.69		20.66		18.56		18.96		17.89		19.32	
% Change	3.9		3.8		4.9		6.2		3.2		3.2		4.4		5.0		6.2		6.3		3.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

**2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)**

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	14,406.7		1,894.4		1,544.0		471.6		541.4		5,636.7		3,328.1		325.5		404.0		60.2		201.0	
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	69.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2008	17,125.8	1.5	2,314.3	2.1	2,013.3	2.8	512.7	2.2	606.7	1.7	6,687.3	1.4	3,881.7	0.8	366.2	0.9	453.2	1.3	70.2	1.3	220.3	1.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
Mar	16,845.2	2.0	2,305.3	2.6	1,987.6	3.5	500.1	1.1	594.2	1.4	6,586.4	1.9	3,809.5	1.5	352.0	2.0	436.1	0.7	66.8	2.1	207.3	1.8
Apr	16,915.5	2.0	2,304.5	3.5	1,985.1	3.0	503.1	1.8	606.6	3.3	6,629.2	2.2	3,805.8	0.5	354.7	1.4	447.0	1.0	66.5	1.1	213.0	2.6
May	17,289.8	1.9	2,330.0	2.4	2,022.5	3.0	517.5	1.7	612.8	1.4	6,774.5	2.1	3,903.0	1.1	368.7	0.4	457.8	0.7	74.0	3.1	228.9	3.0
Jun	17,499.4	1.8	2,354.9	2.6	2,056.0	3.0	521.1	2.2	620.7	2.1	6,797.4	1.7	3,984.3	0.8	381.3	-0.4	469.5	2.3	77.2	3.8	237.0	2.8
Jul	17,417.9	1.2	2,350.1	2.7	2,039.5	2.0	514.9	1.2	617.5	2.4	6,758.2	1.0	3,970.9	-0.2	382.4	0.6	469.9	2.7	74.5	1.2	240.1	1.5
Aug	17,391.9	1.3	2,347.0	2.4	2,032.5	1.9	519.6	3.0	612.3	1.5	6,787.2	1.3	3,938.1	0.0	381.9	0.8	463.3	1.5	76.5	1.9	233.4	1.1
Sep	17,230.2	1.6	2,315.9	1.9	2,020.2	2.3	522.5	3.6	607.0	1.3	6,718.9	1.7	3,917.5	0.5	372.8	0.9	458.4	2.3	73.0	1.7	224.1	-0.1
Oct	17,270.7	1.3	2,312.9	1.3	2,035.4	3.2	521.6	3.4	609.3	0.8	6,754.6	1.1	3,912.5	0.4	371.1	1.5	462.1	1.8	70.2	-1.8	221.0	0.5
Nov	17,117.8	0.6	2,308.6	0.5	2,025.1	3.2	520.7	2.9	609.0	0.8	6,665.3	0.1	3,888.8	0.1	365.2	-0.4	452.4	0.9	67.3	0.9	215.3	0.0
Dec	17,010.5	0.5	2,292.8	0.2	2,011.2	1.5	516.0	3.4	606.2	1.7	6,645.9	0.3	3,850.2	0.1	360.2	-0.1	452.6	0.3	66.3	-0.2	209.2	-1.8
2009 Jan	16,600.9	-0.7	2,233.7	-1.8	1,994.1	1.2	512.6	3.3	595.2	0.6	6,463.6	-1.1	3,746.7	-1.0	353.3	0.9	439.4	0.6	63.3	-2.9	199.1	-3.6
Feb	16,578.2	-1.4	2,226.9	-2.1	1,978.0	0.2	514.3	2.9	599.0	1.0	6,452.3	-2.2	3,751.0	-1.6	351.4	-0.7	441.0	2.0	64.1	-2.3	200.2	-3.7
Mar	16,538.8	-1.8	2,221.9	-3.6	1,967.6	-1.0	511.0	2.2	592.8	-0.2	6,435.0	-2.3	3,753.3	-1.5	350.2	-0.5	438.7	0.6	64.4	-3.6	203.9	-1.6
Apr	16,645.1	-1.6	2,238.1	-2.9	1,966.9	-0.9	512.8	1.9	598.4	-1.4	6,468.3	-2.4	3,794.9	-0.3	353.2	-0.4	443.5	-0.8	64.7	-2.7	204.3	-4.1
May	16,952.3	-2.0	2,269.2	-2.6	2,000.7	-1.1	530.1	2.4	615.7	0.5	6,530.0	-3.6	3,888.3	-0.4	370.4	0.5	460.6	0.6	71.7	-3.1	215.7	-5.8
Jun	17,158.7	-1.9	2,286.5	-2.9	2,024.0	-1.6	535.6	2.8	618.8	-0.3	6,582.3	-3.2	3,954.4	-0.8	384.3	0.8	465.6	-0.8	75.6	-2.1	231.6	-2.3
Jul	17,070.8	-2.0	2,272.1	-3.3	2,007.3	-1.6	526.3	2.2	616.1	-0.2	6,572.7	-2.7	3,924.2	-1.2	381.9	-0.1	464.2	-1.2	74.1	-0.5	231.9	-3.4
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Average:																						
Jan-Jul08	17,069.9		2,313.5		2,005.0		507.5		605.3		6,667.9		3,867.6		363.3		449.9		70.0		220.1	
Jan-Jul09	16,792.1		2,249.8		1,991.2		520.4		605.1		6,500.6		3,830.4		363.5		450.4		68.3		212.4	
% Change	-1.6		-2.8		-0.7		2.5		0.0		-2.5		-1.0		0.1		0.1		-2.4		-3.5	

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

## PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED\*

	Canada		B.C.		Alberta		Sask.		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		N.B.		N.S.		P.E.I.		N.L.	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	34.2		32.5		35.0		34.9		34.2		34.6		34.0		35.0		34.1		35.0		34.9	
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2008	33.1	-0.6	32.4	-1.5	35.1	-2.0	34.5	-0.9	33.3	-1.5	33.1	-1.2	31.9	0.9	33.9	-0.9	32.9	-1.2	33.4	-1.2	34.4	-0.9
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
Mar	32.5	-0.6	32.8	-0.6	36.5	0.6	34.5	-0.3	34.5	2.4	31.1	-1.9	32.2	0.0	33.6	-2.0	30.8	1.0	31.6	-0.6	33.5	-0.3
Apr	34.2	-0.3	33.3	-2.1	35.8	0.6	35.4	-0.3	34.3	-1.4	34.4	-1.4	33.1	1.8	34.3	-0.9	34.2	0.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	4.4
May	34.3	-0.9	33.2	-1.8	35.4	-1.1	37.3	0.5	34.7	0.6	34.4	-0.9	33.4	-0.9	35.3	-0.3	34.3	-2.3	36.1	0.0	36.7	3.4
Jun	34.6	-0.9	33.8	0.0	35.8	-2.5	36.4	0.3	34.6	-2.3	34.9	-0.9	33.2	-0.9	35.9	0.6	35.0	-0.8	36.6	-2.7	36.8	0.0
Jul	31.8	2.3	31.8	-0.6	34.0	-0.9	33.2	-1.2	32.1	0.3	32.0	-1.8	29.7	16.0	33.1	0.6	32.5	0.6	33.9	1.5	34.1	-3.4
Aug	31.3	-1.3	31.5	0.6	33.7	-3.2	33.8	-0.6	32.2	-0.6	31.5	-1.9	28.9	-1.7	32.6	1.9	31.4	-0.6	32.3	-2.4	31.8	-3.6
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.4	-0.9	36.7	-0.8	38.1	2.4	35.1	-1.1	34.7	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.8	0.8	34.5	0.3	35.5	-0.8	36.1	-0.8
Oct	30.3	-1.3	30.1	-2.0	33.1	-1.2	31.9	-2.1	30.6	-1.3	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.3	31.8	-0.6	30.5	-1.9	31.7	-2.2	32.6	-0.3
Nov	32.2	-5.8	29.7	-9.7	33.1	-10.3	31.2	-11.4	30.4	-12.1	33.4	-2.9	32.1	-2.7	31.5	-10.0	30.4	-11.1	30.9	-8.3	31.5	-12.3
Dec	33.7	-1.5	33.0	-1.5	35.7	-1.7	34.3	-3.1	34.3	-1.2	33.7	-2.3	32.6	-0.9	34.6	-0.3	34.3	-0.3	33.7	1.8	34.6	-2.8
2009 Jan	33.1	-2.1	32.3	-2.1	35.3	-1.1	33.8	-1.2	33.2	-2.9	33.1	-2.9	31.8	-2.5	34.4	0.0	33.5	-0.6	33.0	1.2	33.6	-2.0
Feb	31.9	-4.8	32.2	-2.1	33.3	-5.7	30.2	-9.9	31.7	-3.6	31.5	-6.0	31.8	-3.0	33.9	1.5	32.7	-1.8	32.9	2.5	32.5	-7.1
Mar	31.8	-2.2	30.2	-7.9	34.5	-5.5	33.9	-1.7	34.6	0.3	30.9	-0.6	31.9	-0.9	34.0	1.2	30.8	0.0	30.0	-5.1	33.2	-0.9
Apr	30.8	-9.9	30.5	-8.4	31.7	-11.5	30.7	-13.3	32.9	-4.1	31.7	-7.8	28.5	-13.9	31.9	-7.0	31.7	-7.3	30.8	-6.7	31.4	-11.8
May	33.6	-2.0	32.1	-3.3	34.6	-2.3	36.1	-3.2	35.0	0.9	33.9	-1.5	32.7	-2.1	34.9	-1.1	34.7	1.2	36.6	1.4	35.3	-3.8
Jun	33.9	-2.0	32.9	-2.7	35.0	-2.2	35.1	-3.6	35.1	1.4	34.0	-2.6	33.1	-0.3	35.6	-0.8	34.5	-1.4	36.5	-0.3	36.6	-0.5
Jul	31.4	-1.3	31.3	-1.6	32.7	-3.8	31.8	-4.2	31.3	-2.5	31.8	-0.6	29.7	0.0	32.7	-1.2	32.4	-0.3	33.1	-2.4	33.5	-1.8
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
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Dec																						
Average:																						
Jan-Jul08	33.5		33.0		35.5		34.9		33.9		33.5		32.4		34.3		33.4		33.7		35.1	
Jan-Jul09	32.4		31.6		33.9		33.1		33.4		32.4		31.4		33.9		32.9		33.3		33.7	
% Change	-3.5		-4.0		-4.8		-5.3		-1.5		-3.2		-3.3		-1.1		-1.5		-1.3		-4.0	

\* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year



## 3.1

**B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS**

	Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
	Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8		1,500.5		36.2		31.5	
2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0
2008	914.52	3.8	746.25	4.7	22.92	4.6	21.09	4.9	501.5	1.2	1,812.8	2.4	36.2	-2.2	31.3	-1.6
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
Mar	892.56	2.1	726.09	2.3	22.43	3.6	20.81	3.5	504.7	4.6	1,800.6	2.1	36.6	-1.1	31.8	-0.3
Apr	924.95	6.8	733.39	2.3	23.26	8.0	20.83	2.6	486.5	0.2	1,818.0	4.5	36.9	-2.6	32.4	-1.5
May	921.69	5.7	740.89	4.7	23.12	7.2	20.97	4.6	496.9	0.2	1,833.1	3.1	37.1	-1.9	32.2	-1.5
Jun	915.74	4.5	748.72	6.3	22.79	4.7	21.04	5.8	507.4	-0.6	1,847.5	3.5	38.2	-0.5	32.6	0.6
Jul	901.58	2.4	756.44	6.9	22.52	2.6	20.91	5.7	530.8	3.4	1,819.4	2.5	36.7	-0.3	30.4	-0.7
Aug	904.06	1.0	743.82	3.5	22.44	1.4	20.70	4.1	528.5	2.7	1,818.5	2.3	36.4	-0.8	30.0	0.7
Sep	900.92	-0.1	761.36	6.5	22.60	1.2	21.42	6.6	515.6	1.8	1,800.3	2.0	37.5	-0.3	32.3	-0.9
Oct	928.77	4.4	761.53	7.0	22.96	3.3	21.54	7.5	500.8	-0.4	1,812.2	1.8	33.5	-1.8	29.2	-1.7
Nov	923.49	4.2	756.53	5.2	23.18	4.2	21.56	6.5	491.6	-2.7	1,817.1	1.4	33.2	-9.3	28.8	-9.7
Dec	968.34	8.2	754.95	4.9	24.20	8.2	21.52	5.6	482.9	-1.5	1,809.8	0.7	36.5	-3.2	32.1	-0.9
2009 Jan	989.24	9.2	757.94	2.9	24.87	8.4	21.65	3.7	441.7	-10.0	1,792.0	0.5	34.9	-3.6	31.7	-1.2
Feb	963.78	8.1	761.18	3.6	24.27	6.9	21.86	4.6	438.4	-8.9	1,788.5	-0.3	34.9	-2.0	31.5	-1.9
Mar	954.72	7.0	754.70	3.9	24.13	7.6	21.65	4.0	429.0	-15.0	1,792.9	-0.4	34.8	-4.9	29.0	-8.8
Apr	976.91	5.6	763.04	4.0	24.48	5.2	21.82	4.8	447.5	-8.0	1,790.7	-1.5	34.5	-6.5	29.5	-9.0
May	938.98	1.9	757.52	2.2	23.97	3.7	21.69	3.4	444.7	-10.5	1,824.4	-0.5	36.2	-2.4	31.1	-3.4
Jun	932.94	1.9	761.84	1.8	23.62	3.6	21.60	2.7	458.2	-9.7	1,828.2	-1.0	37.5	-1.8	31.8	-2.5
Jul	931.88	3.4	756.65	0.0	23.66	5.1	21.38	2.2	458.1	-13.7	1,813.9	-0.3	35.9	-2.2	30.2	-0.7
Aug																
Sep																
Oct																
Nov																
Dec																
Average:																
Jan-Jul08	907.75		739.59		22.83		20.91		499.8		1,813.7		36.8		31.9	
Jan-Jul09	955.49		758.98		24.14		21.66		445.4		1,804.4		35.5		30.7	
% Change	5.3		2.6		5.8		3.6		-10.9		-0.5		-3.3		-3.9	

\* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous ;



## 3.2A

## B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2008	914.52	3.8	538.64	-4.5	1178.91	5.6	1163.90	4.4	881.56	2.8	908.30	4.1
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
Mar	892.56	2.1	545.06	-2.1	1189.99	8.6	1127.41	-10.3	846.73	1.0	900.53	1.9
Apr	924.95	6.8	574.74	-2.4	1186.57	15.0	1074.81	-3.5	911.91	6.3	901.21	5.5
May	921.69	5.7	513.97	-12.3	1110.89	7.1	1305.76	18.1	893.56	2.7	920.97	7.6
Jun	915.74	4.5	502.77	-8.1	1142.92	5.9	1206.68	0.8	893.90	2.9	916.35	7.0
Jul	901.58	2.4	517.17	-11.8	1200.99	6.8	1179.26	6.1	874.33	3.0	888.46	-0.1
Aug	904.06	1.0	559.21	-0.5	1180.74	4.7	1261.59	12.3	879.46	-0.9	890.89	1.9
Sep	900.92	-0.1	541.63	-5.3	1201.68	-2.2	1224.56	10.5	858.29	-1.1	884.74	-1.3
Oct	928.77	4.4	494.91	-15.2	1224.57	3.0	1220.47	18.9	880.19	3.1	932.10	5.5
Nov	923.49	4.2	498.41	-8.7	1186.02	3.9	1169.24	19.1	865.94	0.7	934.05	6.0
Dec	968.34	8.2	571.31	5.0	1206.33	4.1	1129.01	10.2	914.31	4.0	979.34	13.5
2009 Jan	989.24	9.2	539.09	4.6	1216.08	8.3	1258.78	24.9	942.27	4.1	992.34	11.6
Feb	963.78	8.1	468.42	-25.5	1290.91	8.1	1241.99	17.2	908.39	5.9	964.75	11.4
Mar	954.72	7.0	539.38	-1.0	1184.41	-0.5	1215.26	7.8	892.74	5.4	1002.83	11.4
Apr	976.91	5.6	529.48	-7.9	1356.92	14.4	1240.39	15.4	893.04	-2.1	1032.80	14.6
May	938.98	1.9	536.69	4.4	1240.84	11.7	1270.79	-2.7	884.64	-1.0	958.48	4.1
Jun	932.94	1.9	466.01	-7.3	1247.93	9.2	1233.08	2.2	864.85	-3.2	970.26	5.9
Jul	931.88	3.4	583.85	12.9	1114.42	-7.2	1283.51	8.8	879.36	0.6	969.35	9.1
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul08	907.75		542.47		1164.02		1137.34		883.31		897.61	
Jan-Jul09	955.49		523.27		1235.93		1249.11		895.04		984.40	
% Change	5.3		-3.5		6.2		9.8		1.3		9.7	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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## 3.2B

## B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries		
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.						
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg			
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82		
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7	
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4	
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1	
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3	
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4	
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6	
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1	
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0	
2008	746.25	4.7	920.34	5.3	598.55	3.7	832.20	7.6	990.64	1.7	896.47	6.3	782.85	5.6	398.17	1.0	1042.99	2.9	780.85	4.4	
2008	Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
	Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
	Mar	726.09	2.3	922.01	7.4	563.52	0.9	819.91	4.1	954.48	-6.5	878.21	6.4	775.66	3.2	365.70	-3.4	1040.07	0.4	761.02	2.4
	Apr	733.39	2.3	935.11	8.3	571.63	-5.4	846.99	11.2	978.13	-0.3	877.77	6.7	768.47	4.1	369.99	-6.3	1022.63	-1.1	772.40	3.3
	May	740.89	4.7	953.99	11.7	594.01	1.9	824.35	4.7	932.29	-0.3	912.96	9.5	785.68	8.0	387.21	-1.1	1021.36	-0.8	777.77	4.9
	Jun	748.72	6.3	862.29	1.2	597.57	3.8	807.24	3.3	993.25	6.6	923.54	7.2	793.33	13.2	395.96	0.7	1045.93	0.8	782.92	5.8
	Jul	756.44	6.9	909.25	1.4	619.85	5.4	782.22	4.5	956.30	0.0	970.46	11.2	797.81	10.7	442.29	8.5	1043.13	1.4	788.11	5.9
	Aug	743.82	3.5	899.87	0.0	599.35	2.2	839.31	10.1	965.97	-3.7	929.31	2.5	795.96	7.6	449.27	5.2	1020.17	0.2	777.68	2.8
	Sep	761.36	6.5	916.75	2.5	625.52	8.4	855.08	9.9	1007.28	2.4	908.61	7.4	803.97	10.4	423.83	2.9	1038.32	5.4	790.43	4.7
	Oct	761.53	7.0	934.62	3.6	629.25	9.2	844.56	7.7	1018.28	7.8	916.79	9.5	789.32	6.6	401.78	0.5	1032.51	6.1	795.65	6.2
	Nov	756.53	5.2	921.06	8.3	623.05	7.4	861.14	7.0	1050.28	9.9	876.62	3.6	752.95	1.3	414.53	6.7	1087.95	8.5	789.82	4.8
	Dec	754.95	4.9	928.13	2.4	619.52	13.0	841.47	6.0	1073.11	5.4	853.60	2.1	797.13	3.8	401.79	7.1	1125.60	13.7	796.71	5.4
2009	Jan	757.94	2.9	957.27	3.7	611.99	9.8	896.53	7.8	1092.56	7.9	842.45	-3.3	766.64	-0.5	382.98	3.4	1120.55	10.0	799.72	3.6
	Feb	761.18	3.6	954.00	0.8	636.27	8.6	905.49	9.0	1022.65	6.2	815.90	-5.1	780.02	2.2	385.77	9.8	1134.01	11.0	798.07	4.1
	Mar	754.70	3.9	932.66	1.2	605.25	7.4	843.38	2.9	1096.97	14.9	814.53	-7.3	799.23	3.0	382.98	4.7	1120.61	7.7	790.02	3.8
	Apr	763.04	4.0	983.29	5.2	588.28	2.9	883.30	4.3	1089.08	11.3	819.47	-6.6	817.98	6.4	387.54	4.7	1141.90	11.7	802.16	3.9
	May	757.52	2.2	934.80	-2.0	605.33	1.9	876.37	6.3	1090.12	16.9	846.07	-7.3	830.03	5.6	391.21	1.0	1050.64	2.9	790.22	1.6
	Jun	761.84	1.8	897.74	4.1	604.35	1.1	864.17	7.1	1108.01	11.6	873.58	-5.4	816.00	2.9	404.64	2.2	1122.82	7.4	793.27	1.3
	Jul	756.65	0.0	913.47	0.5	607.08	-2.1	863.03	10.3	1067.97	11.7	909.64	-6.3	807.54	1.2	402.64	-9.0	1113.16	6.7	789.41	0.2
	Aug																				
	Sep																				
	Oct																				
	Nov																				
	Dec																				
Average:																					
Jan-Jul08	739.59		921.80		584.28		820.45		969.98		899.14		779.22		383.26		1030.50		774.35		
Jan-Jul09	758.98		939.03		608.36		876.04		1081.05		845.95		802.49		391.11		1114.81		794.70		
% Change	2.6		1.9		4.1		6.8		11.5		-5.9		3.0		2.0		8.2		2.6		

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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## B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.35	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2008	22.92	4.6	14.05	-3.0	26.86	5.7	30.05	3.9	22.33	3.3	23.00	5.3
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
Mar	22.43	3.6	13.75	-3.4	26.43	5.4	29.58	-6.3	21.58	2.7	22.95	4.4
Apr	23.26	8.0	14.17	-5.0	26.42	8.5	28.74	3.4	23.11	7.8	23.22	8.4
May	23.12	7.2	14.14	-3.3	26.32	8.5	32.31	14.3	22.62	4.1	23.15	9.0
Jun	22.79	4.7	12.95	-1.8	25.70	3.8	30.82	0.9	22.45	2.8	23.12	7.4
Jul	22.52	2.6	13.23	-6.2	27.25	4.2	29.53	3.5	22.03	1.7	22.59	2.6
Aug	22.44	1.4	13.14	-5.4	27.30	6.6	31.83	9.5	22.00	-1.0	22.46	3.4
Sep	22.60	1.2	13.85	-3.9	27.22	2.8	30.76	3.2	21.81	-0.6	22.59	0.9
Oct	22.96	3.3	13.56	-12.5	27.43	4.8	31.30	16.8	22.05	1.4	23.13	3.6
Nov	23.18	4.2	13.90	-13.1	26.95	3.0	31.21	15.7	22.03	1.2	23.52	6.5
Dec	24.20	8.2	16.17	0.0	27.40	6.1	29.79	12.3	23.28	5.4	24.48	11.5
2009 Jan	24.87	8.4	15.80	9.5	28.62	7.4	33.10	23.3	23.89	3.8	24.95	10.5
Feb	24.27	6.9	14.42	-15.5	29.04	6.5	32.08	14.7	23.01	4.0	24.84	11.2
Mar	24.13	7.6	15.31	11.3	28.14	6.5	32.23	9.0	22.77	5.5	25.20	9.8
Apr	24.48	5.2	14.02	-1.1	30.04	13.7	32.44	12.9	23.17	0.3	25.52	9.9
May	23.97	3.7	13.45	-4.9	30.23	14.9	33.50	3.7	22.79	0.8	24.52	5.9
Jun	23.62	3.6	12.09	-6.6	28.57	11.2	32.46	5.3	22.39	-0.3	24.80	6.4
Jul	23.66	5.1	13.74	3.9	26.95	-1.1	32.62	10.5	22.99	4.4	24.38	7.9
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul08	22.83		14.25		26.58		29.40		22.42		22.85	
Jan-Jul09	24.14		14.12		28.80		32.63		23.00		24.86	
% Change	5.8		-0.9		8.4		11.0		2.6		8.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

**B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE**

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries		
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.						
	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg	\$	% Chg			
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47		22.02		18.98		10.29		21.56		17.34		
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7	
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9	
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4	
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3	
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2	
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9	
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8	
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	25.87	1.5	22.50	0.4	12.40	4.6	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9	
2008	21.09	4.9	23.52	7.3	16.76	3.7	22.76	8.3	25.96	2.8	26.90	4.0	23.55	4.7	13.00	4.8	28.16	3.5	21.46	4.7	
2008	Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	27.30	2.3	22.60	-3.0	12.86	6.6	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
	Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	26.55	3.8	23.08	-0.7	12.42	1.1	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
	Mar	20.81	3.5	23.26	8.0	16.19	2.0	22.94	8.9	25.07	-3.6	26.90	6.1	23.53	2.5	12.60	5.5	28.41	2.4	21.15	3.6
	Apr	20.83	2.6	23.30	8.5	16.32	-1.3	22.84	9.8	25.52	0.8	26.46	2.4	22.86	-0.3	12.81	2.5	27.95	0.9	21.32	3.7
	May	20.97	4.6	24.31	12.5	16.78	4.2	22.52	6.4	24.82	1.7	27.33	6.2	23.06	2.3	12.75	2.6	27.32	-0.4	21.41	5.2
	Jun	21.04	5.8	22.60	5.5	16.95	6.8	21.99	4.7	25.97	7.0	26.94	5.0	23.70	7.1	12.88	3.5	28.13	1.6	21.40	5.5
	Jul	20.91	5.7	23.03	3.3	16.96	4.0	21.75	6.9	25.40	2.1	27.21	4.7	23.55	7.2	13.61	8.8	27.73	1.5	21.26	5.0
	Aug	20.70	4.1	22.68	0.5	16.50	2.3	23.29	12.4	25.78	-0.6	26.46	1.0	23.99	7.5	13.35	6.2	27.52	1.6	21.07	3.4
	Sep	21.42	6.6	23.48	5.8	17.28	6.7	23.34	11.0	26.69	5.2	26.95	2.7	24.26	10.7	13.27	5.2	28.02	6.6	21.66	5.3
	Oct	21.54	7.5	24.48	8.4	17.40	7.9	23.13	8.6	26.46	7.6	27.18	5.9	23.97	7.9	13.03	5.6	27.91	5.3	21.83	6.5
	Nov	21.56	6.5	24.20	11.4	17.20	5.2	23.00	6.3	27.33	7.9	27.01	6.5	23.67	6.3	13.30	7.0	29.28	7.2	21.89	6.0
	Dec	21.52	5.6	23.97	7.8	17.32	9.3	23.01	4.3	27.80	5.4	26.46	0.5	24.23	8.8	13.10	3.3	30.23	12.3	22.04	6.1
2009	Jan	21.65	3.7	24.03	3.3	17.35	9.3	24.28	7.1	28.04	8.5	26.82	-1.8	23.71	4.9	12.65	-1.6	30.23	9.3	22.23	4.3
	Feb	21.86	4.6	24.47	2.1	17.83	8.5	24.04	6.4	26.59	5.2	27.00	1.7	24.07	4.3	12.98	4.5	29.91	7.2	22.30	4.8
	Mar	21.65	4.0	23.89	2.7	17.32	7.0	22.97	0.1	28.43	13.4	26.00	-3.3	24.36	3.5	12.95	2.8	29.88	5.2	22.09	4.4
	Apr	21.82	4.8	24.62	5.7	16.94	3.8	23.92	4.7	28.85	13.0	26.14	-1.2	24.70	8.0	13.03	1.7	30.10	7.7	22.31	4.6
	May	21.69	3.4	23.96	-1.4	17.33	3.3	23.90	6.1	28.33	14.1	26.84	-1.8	24.74	7.3	13.04	2.3	28.34	3.7	22.10	3.2
	Jun	21.60	2.7	23.01	1.8	17.17	1.3	23.47	6.7	28.76	10.7	26.45	-1.8	24.39	2.9	13.35	3.6	29.44	4.7	21.97	2.7
	Jul	21.38	2.2	23.01	-0.1	17.21	1.5	23.23	6.8	28.49	12.2	26.51	-2.6	24.17	2.6	13.15	-3.4	29.27	5.6	21.81	2.6
	Aug																				
	Sep																				
	Oct																				
	Nov																				
	Dec																				
Average:																					
Jan-Jul08	20.91		23.39		16.50		22.47		25.42		26.96		23.20		12.85		27.87		21.30		
Jan-Jul09	21.66		23.86		17.31		23.69		28.21		26.54		24.31		13.02		29.60		22.12		
% Change	3.6		2.0		4.9		5.4		11.0		-1.6		4.8		1.4		6.2		3.8		

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

## 3.4A

## B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	393.8		28.1		30.0		3.8		14.8		191.8		21.6		42.4		22.4		114.3	
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2008	501.5	1.2	33.7	-6.9	17.4	-23.4	2.2	-24.1	25.8	29.0	187.4	-8.6	30.7	8.5	34.3	-23.3	13.2	-13.2	220.8	12.1
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	5.3	3.1	n.a.	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
Mar	504.7	4.6	36.5	14.8	22.4	10.9	2.5	31.6	18.5	-7.5	195.0	-9.4	34.4	23.7	34.7	-23.1	16.5	-1.2	214.2	15.7
Apr	486.5	0.2	34.7	8.4	17.1	-15.8	1.8	-55.0	24.9	33.2	180.2	-14.4	22.6	-24.9	34.3	-16.3	14.1	-14.5	214.5	12.1
May	496.9	0.2	30.5	-17.3	19.5	-17.7	1.8	-40.0	24.0	28.3	189.5	-8.6	26.2	-7.1	40.4	-5.8	11.1	-38.0	218.7	10.6
Jun	507.4	-0.6	35.0	-7.4	19.6	-23.2	1.6	-11.1	25.0	19.0	191.2	-8.8	27.7	10.4	39.9	-19.2	10.9	-24.8	221.7	8.9
Jul	530.8	3.4	36.8	-11.8	18.0	-32.8	n.a.	n.a.	27.5	38.9	199.2	-6.3	34.3	31.9	39.6	-25.7	11.3	-30.7	233.3	17.7
Aug	528.5	2.7	40.7	0.2	13.1	-47.6	2.5	-59.0	28.8	46.2	187.9	-7.6	32.0	24.5	37.6	-32.1	11.3	-31.1	240.2	15.4
Sep	515.6	1.8	33.6	-16.6	12.8	-45.7	2.1	-40.0	29.9	61.6	185.5	-11.5	29.7	0.3	35.8	-33.9	11.1	-22.9	237.1	18.4
Oct	500.8	-0.4	32.0	-23.6	13.0	-51.7	2.4	-25.0	29.1	47.7	181.8	-10.4	31.1	0.0	31.2	-32.3	12.4	0.8	227.3	16.1
Nov	491.6	-2.7	26.4	-25.6	13.1	-52.0	2.0	-23.1	29.8	78.4	186.4	-8.0	32.3	6.3	33.6	-18.6	11.3	-18.1	220.0	5.7
Dec	482.9	-1.5	27.2	-22.3	16.1	-39.7	2.0	-35.5	31.7	63.4	182.7	-0.5	33.6	4.0	25.7	-26.4	13.6	-0.7	210.7	0.6
2009 Jan	441.7	-10.0	23.7	-37.1	14.3	-36.7	3.1	-3.1	28.4	40.6	163.1	-12.9	30.0	-8.5	24.2	-17.4	11.7	-39.7	196.3	-4.5
Feb	438.4	-8.9	27.3	-19.5	15.4	-30.0	3.4	9.7	25.5	28.1	163.6	-9.9	34.3	8.5	24.6	-15.5	13.8	-11.0	192.7	-6.6
Mar	429.0	-15.0	29.2	-20.0	12.7	-43.3	2.3	-8.0	25.9	40.0	165.8	-15.0	35.4	2.9	22.6	-34.9	12.2	-26.1	180.2	-15.9
Apr	447.5	-8.0	33.6	-3.2	10.4	-39.2	2.7	50.0	23.3	-6.4	175.5	-2.6	32.7	44.7	28.2	-17.8	12.8	-9.2	188.6	-12.1
May	444.7	-10.5	35.9	17.7	10.4	-46.7	1.5	-16.7	25.3	5.4	165.1	-12.9	35.8	36.6	28.9	-28.5	9.3	-16.2	193.4	-11.6
Jun	458.2	-9.7	40.4	15.4	13.0	-33.7	1.9	18.8	23.5	-6.0	163.7	-14.4	33.6	21.3	27.1	-32.1	12.0	10.1	202.6	-8.6
Jul	458.1	-13.7	40.2	9.2	13.7	-23.9	2.1	n.a.	24.6	-10.5	164.3	-17.5	24.1	-29.7	27.3	-31.1	10.9	-3.5	201.8	-13.5
Aug																				
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Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul08	499.8		35.0		20.2		n.a.		22.9		189.1		29.9		35.3		14.1		216.3	
Jan-Jul09	445.4		32.9		12.8		2.4		25.2		165.9		32.3		26.1		11.8		193.7	
% Change	-10.9		-6.0		-36.3		n.a.		10.3		-12.3		7.8		-26.0		-16.3		-10.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous yr

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## 3.4B

**B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)**

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.		('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1999	1,500.5		115.9		304.8		121.0		866.3		127.3		193.3		149.1		92.5		1,894.4	
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2008	1,812.8	2.4	128.0	1.9	354.8	-2.8	147.2	1.5	1,079.8	3.9	161.6	3.5	245.6	2.5	178.1	3.1	102.9	7.3	2,314.3	2.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
Mar	1,800.6	2.1	130.0	4.4	362.8	1.9	134.1	-10.1	1,069.7	2.7	161.5	-4.6	240.6	-3.2	175.9	4.4	104.0	13.5	2,305.3	2.6
Apr	1,818.0	4.5	130.4	7.9	357.8	3.1	142.2	-2.1	1,081.9	4.6	168.4	3.1	233.1	-3.5	183.4	11.2	105.9	13.4	2,304.5	3.5
May	1,833.1	3.1	127.9	0.6	350.2	-4.2	150.8	0.9	1,095.2	5.1	171.1	4.7	239.5	2.2	185.3	9.6	109.0	15.8	2,330.0	2.4
Jun	1,847.5	3.5	137.1	7.0	358.0	-2.1	144.9	-2.1	1,100.7	5.3	174.1	11.7	244.6	1.1	182.5	2.1	106.8	9.5	2,354.9	2.6
Jul	1,819.4	2.5	131.7	0.7	348.2	-7.6	155.4	3.6	1,077.9	6.0	140.9	16.1	245.9	2.8	183.2	3.9	106.3	7.0	2,350.1	2.7
Aug	1,818.5	2.3	135.3	7.2	363.5	-3.7	142.0	-4.8	1,075.3	4.8	130.8	9.8	243.3	3.4	186.6	-2.6	102.4	4.8	2,347.0	2.4
Sep	1,800.3	2.0	129.2	5.1	343.1	-5.7	148.9	3.5	1,080.5	4.1	155.4	-2.3	253.0	7.0	174.3	1.0	98.7	2.1	2,315.9	1.9
Oct	1,812.2	1.8	125.3	4.0	346.9	-7.3	151.2	6.0	1,080.8	3.3	163.1	1.6	255.3	4.8	171.7	0.2	108.1	11.4	2,312.9	1.3
Nov	1,817.1	1.4	112.4	-10.7	358.3	-5.2	155.4	8.9	1,090.4	4.0	164.5	0.5	254.8	5.3	174.7	2.9	100.5	3.4	2,308.6	0.5
Dec	1,809.8	0.7	122.2	-6.9	363.4	-1.9	149.0	5.0	1,074.8	2.4	168.4	1.1	249.8	5.9	181.1	7.5	100.4	-2.8	2,292.8	0.2
2009 Jan	1,792.0	0.5	117.8	-6.9	346.1	-0.9	151.2	4.2	1,073.3	0.4	163.7	-6.6	255.3	3.7	175.0	6.4	103.6	10.2	2,233.7	-1.8
Feb	1,788.5	-0.3	116.8	-9.0	346.6	-2.6	148.2	0.2	1,079.4	1.6	170.1	2.5	259.4	7.7	171.7	-1.0	97.6	-1.6	2,226.9	-2.1
Mar	1,792.9	-0.4	121.8	-6.3	346.0	-4.6	139.7	4.2	1,085.1	1.4	163.6	1.3	259.8	8.0	180.4	2.6	100.3	-3.6	2,221.9	-3.6
Apr	1,790.7	-1.5	114.0	-12.6	358.6	0.2	132.0	-7.2	1,089.0	0.7	168.9	0.3	266.2	14.2	171.5	-6.5	97.1	-8.3	2,238.1	-2.9
May	1,824.4	-0.5	114.3	-10.6	373.9	6.8	131.3	-12.9	1,092.2	-0.3	166.0	-3.0	255.8	6.8	175.9	-5.1	112.6	3.3	2,269.2	-2.6
Jun	1,828.2	-1.0	113.4	-17.3	374.2	4.5	134.2	-7.4	1,101.3	0.1	165.6	-4.9	258.0	5.5	177.5	-2.7	105.1	-1.6	2,286.5	-2.9
Jul	1,813.9	-0.3	117.3	-10.9	378.8	8.8	144.7	-6.9	1,068.1	-0.9	132.2	-6.2	262.0	6.5	170.5	-6.9	105.1	-1.1	2,272.1	-3.3
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jul08	1,813.7		130.3		354.5		145.8		1,079.6		165.3		241.6		178.3		103.6		2,313.5	
Jan-Jul09	1,804.4		116.5		360.6		140.2		1,084.1		161.4		259.5		174.6		103.1		2,249.8	
% Change	-0.5		-10.6		1.7		-3.8		0.4		-2.3		7.4		-2.1		-0.5		-2.8	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey



## 3.5A

## B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED\*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1999	36.2		37.5		39.0		33.0		36.7		34.1	
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2008	36.2	-2.2	37.4	2.7	40.1	-1.0	33.3	-6.2	35.9	-1.9	35.6	-3.3
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
Mar	36.6	-1.1	38.9	16.1	42.0	-6.7	28.3	-16.8	37.1	1.4	35.2	-3.6
Apr	36.9	-2.6	39.3	5.4	38.6	5.2	36.7	-14.3	37.2	-3.4	35.8	-4.3
May	37.1	-1.9	41.0	0.0	39.0	1.3	32.5	-13.6	36.3	-2.9	37.0	-1.1
Jun	38.2	-0.5	37.9	-2.1	41.3	-2.1	37.2	-10.4	37.6	0.8	38.2	-0.8
Jul	36.7	-0.3	38.0	-3.8	42.1	3.4	33.5	1.5	35.2	-0.8	36.9	0.0
Aug	36.4	-0.8	42.7	6.2	38.6	7.8	33.2	-0.6	35.2	-1.9	36.2	-2.9
Sep	37.5	-0.3	39.9	8.4	41.8	15.5	34.2	1.5	37.4	1.1	36.7	-5.4
Oct	33.5	-1.8	36.3	-3.2	36.4	-5.7	31.8	14.0	33.5	2.4	32.7	-4.4
Nov	33.2	-9.3	28.5	-5.3	39.6	0.3	30.1	6.0	32.5	-10.7	33.2	-12.2
Dec	36.5	-3.2	31.8	-9.9	41.9	0.2	36.8	-5.4	36.8	-1.9	35.4	-4.8
2009 Jan	34.9	-3.6	28.2	-18.0	37.0	-2.6	32.8	-6.3	37.4	1.9	33.2	-7.3
Feb	34.9	-2.0	32.4	-10.0	41.6	-0.5	36.9	12.8	36.0	0.8	32.6	-5.2
Mar	34.8	-4.9	33.6	-13.6	39.5	-6.0	28.2	-0.4	35.3	-4.9	33.9	-3.7
Apr	34.5	-6.5	39.7	1.0	34.3	-11.1	33.8	-7.9	34.6	-7.0	33.7	-5.9
May	36.2	-2.4	41.9	2.2	38.4	-1.5	37.0	13.8	36.1	-0.6	34.7	-6.2
Jun	37.5	-1.8	44.6	17.7	41.0	-0.7	38.8	4.3	35.1	-6.6	37.2	-2.6
Jul	35.9	-2.2	44.9	18.2	38.6	-8.3	35.6	6.3	34.7	-1.4	34.5	-6.5
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jul08	36.8		37.9		40.4		33.7		36.5		36.2	
Jan-Jul09	35.5		37.9		38.6		34.7		35.6		34.3	
% Change	-3.3		-0.1		-4.4		3.1		-2.6		-5.3	

\* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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## 3.5B

**B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED\***

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries		
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.						
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg			
1999	31.5		35.2		31.8		33.1		35.1		27.9		29.5		29.8		32.9		32.5		
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2	
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0	
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6	
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6	
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6	
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3	
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2	
2008	31.3	-1.6	35.9	-3.5	31.2	-2.8	32.2	-1.5	34.3	-1.7	29.4	3.2	29.3	0.7	28.2	-2.4	32.7	-0.3	32.4	-1.5	
2008	Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
	Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
	Mar	31.8	-0.3	35.0	-7.9	31.9	-0.3	33.0	0.6	35.5	-2.2	29.5	5.7	30.6	2.3	26.9	-7.9	34.2	4.0	32.8	-0.6
	Apr	32.4	-1.5	39.5	5.1	30.7	-8.9	32.7	-0.6	36.9	2.5	32.6	6.9	29.4	0.7	27.2	-9.0	34.1	-5.3	33.3	-2.1
	May	32.2	-1.5	36.1	-1.6	31.2	-8.2	34.1	3.3	35.1	-1.4	32.2	4.9	31.2	4.3	28.9	-0.3	34.1	-2.3	33.2	-1.8
	Jun	32.6	0.6	37.2	2.2	30.7	-6.7	33.3	0.6	36.0	3.7	32.6	0.0	30.9	5.5	28.7	-2.7	34.9	1.5	33.8	0.0
	Jul	30.4	-0.7	35.2	-4.1	32.2	1.6	29.1	-8.5	33.8	-1.5	21.1	12.8	28.8	6.3	29.7	1.4	30.9	-0.6	31.8	-0.6
	Aug	30.0	0.7	37.4	1.1	31.2	-2.2	31.3	-0.3	32.8	2.5	18.9	30.3	27.2	5.4	29.7	1.0	29.8	3.8	31.5	0.6
	Sep	32.3	-0.9	36.8	-4.9	31.8	2.3	32.2	-4.5	34.3	-5.0	33.1	7.5	29.1	-2.0	30.3	-0.3	33.3	6.7	33.4	-0.9
	Oct	29.2	-1.7	32.3	-6.9	29.8	-1.7	29.6	-3.3	31.4	-0.9	28.9	6.6	27.1	0.7	27.9	-3.8	28.7	2.1	30.1	-2.0
	Nov	28.8	-9.7	31.5	-17.1	29.7	-4.8	30.0	-6.5	31.2	-9.0	26.7	-13.9	25.7	-11.7	28.1	2.9	28.7	-12.8	29.7	-9.7
	Dec	32.1	-0.9	35.3	-8.1	32.3	0.9	33.2	2.5	35.8	0.0	30.5	1.3	30.9	-1.0	27.8	4.9	34.4	2.4	33.0	-1.5
2009	Jan	31.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.9	2.2	33.1	-6.0	36.1	4.9	29.3	-5.2	30.6	-1.6	26.7	2.7	34.5	-1.4	32.3	-2.1
	Feb	31.5	-1.9	35.2	-3.0	31.2	-2.2	34.5	2.4	36.2	3.7	28.7	-9.2	29.3	-2.0	26.9	1.1	35.3	3.8	32.2	-2.1
	Mar	29.0	-8.8	34.6	-1.1	29.9	-6.3	30.3	-8.2	33.1	-6.8	16.6	-43.7	29.2	-4.6	26.4	-1.9	33.1	-3.2	30.2	-7.9
	Apr	29.5	-9.0	34.4	-12.9	29.0	-5.5	31.0	-5.2	34.1	-7.6	24.8	-23.9	26.9	-8.5	27.1	-0.4	32.2	-5.6	30.5	-8.4
	May	31.1	-3.4	37.0	2.5	30.9	-1.0	33.5	-1.8	33.7	-4.0	29.8	-7.5	28.5	-8.7	26.8	-7.3	33.6	-1.5	32.1	-3.3
	Jun	31.8	-2.5	37.0	-0.5	31.2	1.6	34.7	4.2	33.3	-7.5	30.7	-5.8	29.7	-3.9	28.4	-1.0	36.1	3.4	32.9	-2.7
	Jul	30.2	-0.7	36.9	4.8	30.8	-4.3	33.7	15.8	31.0	-8.3	17.1	-19.0	28.5	-1.0	28.7	-3.4	34.0	10.0	31.3	-1.6
	Aug																				
	Sep																				
	Oct																				
	Nov																				
	Dec																				
Average:																					
Jan-Jul08	31.9		36.6		31.4		33.0		35.2		30.1		30.3		27.7		33.9		33.0		
Jan-Jul09	30.7		35.7		30.7		33.0		33.9		25.3		29.0		27.3		34.1		31.6		
% Change	-3.9		-2.4		-2.2		-0.1		-3.7		-15.9		-4.3		-1.5		0.7		-4.0		

\* Average Actual Hours, All Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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## **B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS**

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Ian Darling at (250) 953-3701 or [Ian.Darling@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ian.Darling@gov.bc.ca).

### **Definitions and Explanatory Notes**

#### **Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate**

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

#### **Average Weekly Hours Worked**

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

#### **Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate**

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

#### **Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)**

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

#### **Employment by Industry**

Employment by industry is based on the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

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